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To the Honorable Donald J. Mares, Auditor,
and the Board of Water Commissioners
City and County of Denver, Colorado:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of the BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, COLORADO ("Board"), as of December 31, 1997 and 1996, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in retained earnings and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements and the accompanying supplemental financial information are the responsibility of the Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Board of Water Commissioners, City and County of Denver, Colorado, as of December 31, 1997 and 1996, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental financial information on pages B-21 through B-25 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the Board's basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Denver, Colorado
March 5, 1998

